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### Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

Michael Trettel

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

An examination of this application reveals that applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed. Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute the application, since the value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office cannot aid in selecting an attorney or agent.

Applicant is advised of the availability of the publication "Attorneys and Agents Registered to Practice Before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office." This publication is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

### ***Drawings***

This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claims 1 to 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is not written in single sentence format. The applicant should rewrite the claim in a single sentence as has been done in claim 20.

In the preamble of claim 1 reference is made to "compartments", but the location of the compartments is never set forth later in the claim. The claim appears to be incomplete as a result.

Claim 11 recites "further comprising a adjustable support" (sic), but the details of the adjustable support are not set forth.

Claim 19 as written does not make any clear sense. The claim appears to be referring to the embodiment of Figure 9, yet no adjustment features or ability to reconfigure the hammock are set forth. The claim appears to be incomplete, and does not present an operative invention as presently written.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said first upper pair of arm ends" in lines 15 and 16. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said second upper pairs of arms" in lines 16 and 17. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said first pair lower arms" in lines 18 and 19. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said lower pair of arms" in 19. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "the top legs" and "the bottom legs" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 14 recites the limitation "the inner surface of the first fabric" in line 12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1 to 18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claim 20 is allowed.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Nelson et al, Nygard, Richards, and Marx show hammock style headrests which are of particular interest. Dees, Lyons, Miker Jr., Towery, and Ehredt show pillows with integrated storage compartments that are of particular interest. Brooks shows a pillow with an integrated vibrator that is of general interest.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford, can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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